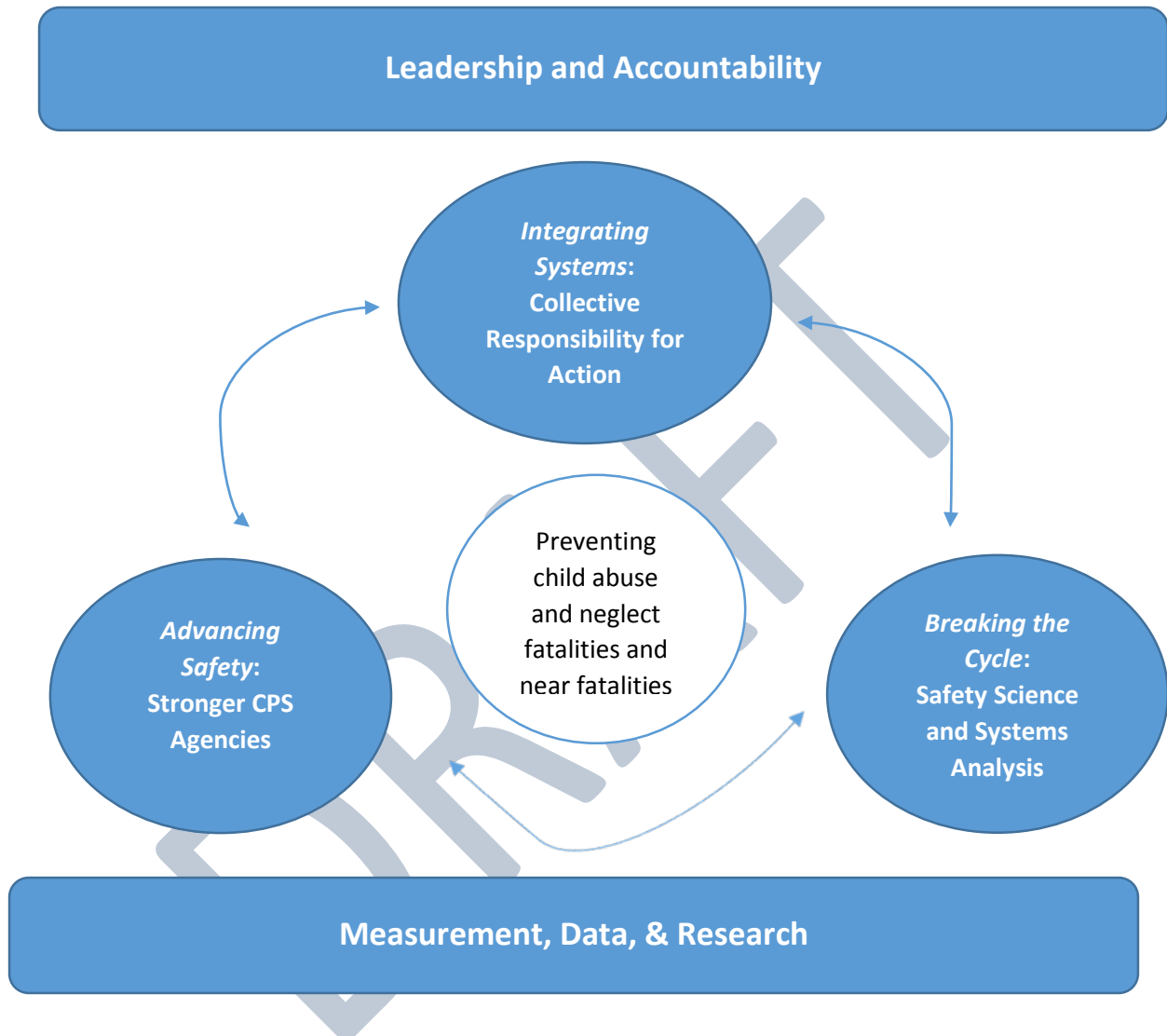


**Within Our Grasp:
A National Strategy to Prevent Child Abuse and Neglect Fatalities**



THESIS: Industries ranging from aviation to health care are successfully increasing safety and preventing fatalities of millions of Americans every day through the application of data-driven, proactive, and collaborative strategies. These same principles can and must be applied to save the lives of our most vulnerable citizens: infants and young children who are dying from preventable child abuse and neglect. Policies and practices based on these principles are already reducing child maltreatment fatalities in isolated communities—now is the time to bring these efforts to scale through implementation of a comprehensive, national strategy as described in this report.

THE “ROOF” AND “FOUNDATION” OF THE COMMISSION’S STRATEGY:

- **Leadership and accountability** (the “roof”) are necessary to sustain attention to this issue and shelter it from competing priorities.
Potential recommendations may include:
 - Federal leadership across agencies
 - Shared accountability -- state plans
 - Attention to government-to-government relationships with Tribes as sovereign nations
- **Measurement, Data, and Research** (the “foundation”) will be required to implement each of the core components.
Potential recommendations may include:
 - Standard definition and classification system
 - More accurate, reliable measurement system
 - Population-based surveillance system
 - Improved systems of child death investigation
 - Adequate data sets and funding availability for necessary research

CORE COMPONENTS OF THE COMMISSION’S STRATEGY:

- **Breaking the Cycle: Safety science and systems analysis**
Potential recommendations may include:
 - Learning from other industries (health care, aviation, etc.)
 - Improved systems of child death review
 - Safety culture
- **Advancing Safety: Stronger CPS agencies**
Potential recommendations may include:
 - Evidence-based safety assessment methods (including a focus on threat of harm)
 - Priority responses for children most at risk
 - Evidence-based interventions
 - Multidisciplinary team responses and reviews
- **Integrating Systems: Collective responsibility for action**
Potential recommendations may include:
 - Cross-system, community approaches to identifying and addressing risk earlier
 - Data integration and information sharing across systems
 - Service availability

OUTLINE

The outline for the final report will follow from the structure of the national strategy.

It might look something like the following:

- Introduction
- Chapter 1: Overview of the strategy and the importance of leadership/accountability and measurement/data/research (these will be addressed in more detail within the context of core components)
- Chapter 2: Breaking the Cycle: Safety Science and Systems Analysis (chapters 2-6 will include themes/findings and associated recommendations)
- Chapter 3: Integrating Systems: Collective Responsibility for Prevention
- Chapter 4: Advancing Safety: Stronger CPS Agencies
- Chapter 5: Preventing Child Maltreatment Fatalities in American Indian/Alaska Native Communities
- Chapter 6: Other Special Populations (disproportionality, military, children of youth in the foster care system, other?)
- Chapter 7: Implementation/Next Steps
- Appendices